

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Homes For Fire Victims

GOVERNMENT'S new plans for rehousing the victims of last month's squatter fire at Kowloon Tong may appear to be unfair to those victims of the Christmas fire at Shek Kip Mei who have found temporary accommodation with relatives and friends or who have been able to afford temporary lodgings pending resettlement. For under the new scheme, their rehousing has been postponed. Government has decided to redistribute the accommodation originally intended for these 18,000 people to provide homes for victims of the more recent Kowloon Tong fire, now living in meagre shelters in the streets of Shamshuipo. But if fairness is to be the criterion of this decision it can be argued equally well that Government is at least ensuring that all 78,000 victims of the two fires are reasonably quartered as soon as possible—whether by their own efforts or by Government resettlement. Indeed it is difficult to see how this redistribution could be avoided short of leaving many thousands in deplorably inadequate street shelters. And this is a state of affairs which cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely. These temporary shelters are unhygienic. They do not give anything like sufficient protection or even reasonable facilities for a family. They are an unfortunate eyesore in a community already densely populated. These conditions have obviously influenced Government to do away with the street shelters—which were always only a temporary expedient—as soon as possible. It is noted that the ultimate resettlement of the Shek Kip Mei fire victims has only been postponed; that accommodation will be provided for them just as soon as the buildings have been completed. There is one danger, however: these squatter area fires have occurred frequently in recent years. The disaster strikes suddenly and spreads swiftly despite the greatest precautions taken by the fire services. If another fire should occur before the rehousing of the balance of the Shek Kip Mei and Kowloon Tong victims has been completed, Government should assure the former that their resettlement will not be postponed again.

Moscow Party

MR Malenkov's stupendous party for the visiting British Labour group should fool no one. It was a naive attempt to show the world in what high esteem the Russians hold the visiting British delegation. Because it was so grossly overdone it is more likely to make the Russians a laughing stock than anything else. Show the hand of friendship, of course! But does Mr Attlee or Mr Bevan figure so prominently in Malenkov's mind that he should forsake his monastic existence in the Kremlin to make one of his rare public appearances? Or was Dr Edith Summerskill the attraction? He personally picked a posy of red, white and blue flowers for her—really. Mr Malenkov, at your age! Was the perfume you found in her room yours, too? It is said 18 toasts were drunk at the dinner party. If it was Xmas Eve every time, we'll bet the speeches were cordial.

East-West Trade and Anglo-Soviet Friendship Discussed

ANOTHER BIG PARTY FOR ATTLEE

U.K. Ambassador Host To Malenkov, Labour Group LONG TALKS AFTER DINNER

By FRASER WIGHTON
Reuter's Special Correspondent

Moscow, Aug. 12.
Mr Georgi Malenkov and Soviet leaders last night discussed "peaceful co-existence," East-West trade and other outstanding issues for two hours with the British Labour Party delegation.

The Soviet Premier spent five hours at the British Embassy, where he dined with Mr Clement Attlee's group as guests of Sir William Hayter, the British Ambassador.

It was the first visit of a Soviet Premier to the Embassy since the late Joseph Stalin conferred with Sir Winston Churchill there during the war.

After the dinner, the Soviet leaders and the British delegation of eight split up into small groups in the Embassy's richly decorated "white room," to discuss world affairs.

Mr Malenkov and his Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, joined Mr Aneurin Bevan, leader of the Labour Party's left wing; Mr Morgan Phillips, Party Secretary, Dr Edith Summerskill and Mr Wilfred Burke, Party Chairman, for private talks.

'Just As Jovial As Last Night's'

Mr Burke said afterwards, "It was just as jolly as last night (when the delegation were dinner guests of Mr Malenkov)—may be more so. In some cases our discussion was more detailed than last night."

During the dinner Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party First Secretary, said in a toast: "The Soviet Union does not wish to interfere in other people's affairs."

Mr Malenkov sat at Mr Attlee's right and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Communist Party Secretary, at his left.

Mr Molotov sat at the right hand of the Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, who was tonight's host.

INFORMAL OCCASION

The occasion was informal—no one dressed for dinner and the talks were gay and punctuated with laughter as the champagne flowed.

An Embassy official said about eight toasts were drunk, but there were no toasts for Queen Elizabeth or the Soviet Premier.

Mr Malenkov proposed "co-existence" and Mr Attlee followed with a toast "For Anglo-Soviet friendship."

It was understood that Mr Attlee and Mr Malenkov did not at any time have a private discussion, but they were dinner table partners and talked to each other constantly during the meal.

TO SOVIET WOMEN
Dr Summerskill proposed a toast "to Soviet women."

According to guests, the sentiments expressed in the toast and the discussion afterwards consisted of a conventional re-statement of Soviet Government policy and no new policies emerged.

Mr Morgan Phillips told Reuter after the dinner: "I think the net result of our talks has been a better understanding of the role and of the responsibilities of the respective political parties in Britain and the Soviet Union."

"We have had in our two days' stay in Moscow a frank and free exchange of opinion. I think in consequence of that we understand each other very much better than we did before."

NO INHIBITION.
Mr Phillips added: "It is too early to formalise opinions because the Labour delegation has not yet had the opportunity to meet in order to arrive at a collective opinion."

"But there has been no inhibition either on the part of the delegation or of the representatives of the Soviet Union to express quite freely their point of view."

UNIVERSITY VISIT
During the afternoon, the delegation had visited Moscow University, where they were received by the Rector, Professor Vovchenko.

Asked if there were any British students at the university, Professor Vovchenko said:

It was the end of the Labour Party delegation's second day in Moscow.

Mr Malenkov's presence at the Embassy dinner table was a signal tribute to the importance attached by the Russians to the Attlee visit.

CHURCHILL APPROVED

The dinner at the Embassy was believed to have been approved personally by the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and a report of last night's discussion between Mr Malenkov and the Labour leaders has already been sent by the British Ambassador to the Foreign Office in London.

Mr Molotov, Mr Attlee and other guests tonight sat around a big mahogany table under portraits of England's kings and queens. The atmosphere was warm and cordial.

Mr Harry Franklin, President of the British National Union of Railwaymen, commenting on his talks with Malenkov said: "If the various people

this subject included "the history of dialectical materialism."

Asked by Mr Bevan why all lectures were compulsory, Professor Vovchenko replied: "The needs of a planned economy require students to learn their jobs and take their exams on time. Moreover the State pays for their education."

Asked whether Moscow University was anxious for student exchanges with non-Communist universities, the Rector said: "We welcome cultural exchanges with other countries on the broadest possible scale."—Reuter.

WHY COMPULSORY
Asked by Mr Attlee why subjects were compulsory for all students, the Rector said the philosophy must be taken and

there were many from the Peoples Democracies, but only a few French students from the Sorbonne University in Paris represented Western Europe.

Asked whether foreign students must study Marxism-Leninism, Professor Vovchenko said: "The students take part in regular courses and the lectures are compulsory."

Malenkov The Women's Champion

Moscow, Aug. 11.
Mr Malenkov and Dr Edith Summerskill, only woman in the Labour delegation, figured as the joint champions of women's education. Mr Malenkov told her: "What has been wrong too often in the world of education is that men have been too 'imperialist' and women often too modest."

Dr Summerskill informed Mr Malenkov she had found in Moscow University that afternoon that 51 per cent of the students were women and 49 per cent were men. She said she was told that soon there would be more women.

Dr Summerskill commented: "You approve this, then?" Mr Malenkov answered "wholeheartedly."

Mr Malenkov told her: "Women have been oppressed too long. It is no good trying to establish equality in the State without helping women in the first place."—Reuter.

I have talked to are an example of the man in the street, they are afraid of war and want peace."

Mr Bevan, asked for his impressions of the Soviet Prime Minister, said he considered Mr Malenkov "much better looking than his photograph."

Mr Bevan described Mr Malenkov as "charming, vivacious and gay" and said that the Soviet leader's mental qualities also impressed him.

Mr Attlee considered the Soviet Prime Minister "very capable."

The Labour delegation leaves Moscow for China tomorrow night in a special plane provided by the Soviet Government.

They will spend two days on the journey to Peking, staying overnight at the Siberian town of Irkutsk.

The delegation's tentative programme for tomorrow includes a visit to the Kremlin and to the Lenin-Stalin mausoleum in Red Square.

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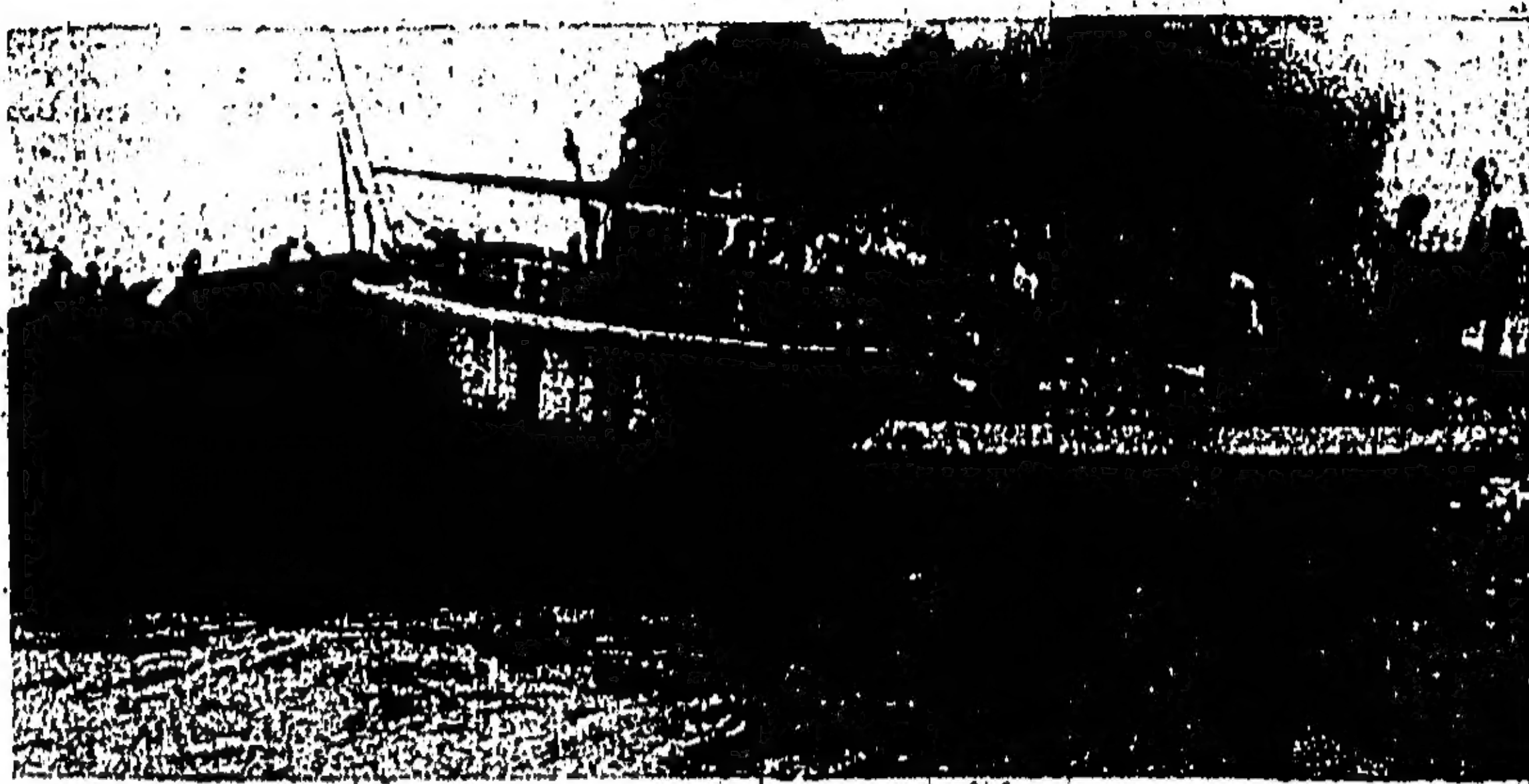
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While 'Mildred' Blazed, Rescuers Argued



This picture shows the Norwegian ship "Mildred" aground on the beach at Felixstowe on Britain's East Coast. The "Mildred" carrying a cargo of wood pulp caught fire following an explosion in her engine room. The tug "Turmoll" (of "Flying Enterprise" fame) and the fishing smack "Gal Floreal" went to her assistance. Both rescue ships put lines aboard and claimed the salvage of the vessel. During the argument which ensued, both vessels were at one time pulling the "Mildred" in different directions! Eventually, the "Mildred" still blazing was towed to Felixstowe and beached, but the salvage problem still remains.—Express Photo.

THE BATTLE OF WORDS CONTINUES:

'We Won't Allow Marchers In' Says Goa's Governor

Panjim, Goa, Aug. 11.

The Governor General of Goa declared today his police force and Army had orders to prevent "volunteers" from India entering this Portuguese Colony next Sunday.

The Governor General, Paulo Bernard Guedes, told foreign correspondents he was prepared to meet force with force or peace with peace, in the threatened march on Goa on the seventh anniversary of India's independence from Britain.

But he emphasised that the marchers could not gain free entry to Goa and the armed forces had orders to keep them out.

He said that if the marchers came peacefully they would be treated accordingly, and if they came armed they could expect trouble.

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Empire's Top Army Chiefs Summoned

London Talks On SEATO

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Top military chiefs from the British Commonwealth have been called to a conference next week in which Southeast Asian defence and the withdrawal of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone are expected to figure prominently.

The meeting, called by Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is scheduled to open on August 18 and last three days, it was officially stated today.

The gathering of the military leaders comes on the eve of the important Southeast Asia defence conference, due to start early next month in Baguio in the Philippines to draft a defence organisation against further advance of Communism in Asia. A statement on the conference date is expected on Saturday.

Officially it is described as a regular annual conference with the Chief of the Imperial General Staff. It will be at the Military Staff College in Camberley, near London.

50-PAGE DOCUMENT
Special attention attaches to the presence of Lt-General Sir Sydney Rowell, chief of the Australian General Staff, General Rowell discussed SEATO with Field Marshal Harding at the five-power military staff talks in Washington last month.

Australia has made it known she attaches the greatest importance to a Southeast Asia defence organisation which she considers could be a powerful deterrent against Communist aggression.

An 80-page document on the military aspects of a SEATO defence organisation was reported to have emerged from the Washington military talks. It is to be reviewed at the forthcoming military meeting in London and has been considered at the full SEATO conference with American, French and other participants.

One of the important issues under consideration is the question of the disposal of forces in Southeast Asia under SEATO in the event of an emergency.—United Press.

Dr John Branded A Traitor

Bonn, Aug. 11.

The West German Government today called Dr Otto John a "traitor" in a statement on a press conference given by the former West German Security Chief in East Berlin.

The Government said: "The latest statements by Dr John confirm that since he disappeared from the Federal Republic, he serves Communist propaganda and acts as a traitor to the Federal Republic."—Reuter.

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Young Pilot's Daredevil Flight Through Two Thames Bridges

London, Aug. 11.

Lunch hour crowds on the Thames Embankment gasped today when a small aircraft zoomed low between the uprights of Tower Bridge.

Then they held their breath as it flew low over the river, which was at its highest level, and under the main span of London Bridge.

Ministry of Aviation officials and police were soon trying to trace the name of the daredevil pilot—believed to have been a young American who lives in London.

Last May a 61-year-old World War One pilot—Major Christopher Draper, known affectionately as the "Mad Major"—flew a similar aircraft under 15 Thames bridges to prove he was not too old for employment. His licence was suspended after the exploit, but he got it back later.

Today the aircraft, a single-engine high-wing monoplane, swooped low over the Tower Bridge roadway, 30 feet above the river and cleared the footpath more than 100 feet above.

The pilot went on downstream and under the 152-foot wide London Bridge span and then made off in the direction of Westminster.

He came very close to a bus. His wings were wobbling at the time.

"I could just see the pilot. It was so close that I could also see the red marking on the fuselage. The plane went into a slight dive towards London Bridge and I lost sight of it."

A Ministry of Aviation spokesman said the markings indicated it was an aircraft belonging to the Denham Flying Club.

At the Club it was stated that the aircraft was hired by a man about 30, holding an American commercial licence. He arrived at the airfield by taxi before hiring the aircraft for a solo flight.

He did not say where he was going and returned 45 minutes later, still saying nothing about leaving his name at the Club.

TOWER BRIDGE
An eye-witness, Mr William Joyner, said: "The slow stage over the bridge roadway in about the centre and cleared the traffic by about 15 feet."

Parfums Schiaparelli
The advertisement features a large, stylized illustration of a woman's face and upper body, wearing a hat and a long coat. The text "Parfums Schiaparelli" is prominently displayed in a large, elegant font. Below the illustration, there is a smaller text block that reads "The new fragrance 'Shiraz' is now available in a 100 ml. bottle." The overall design is classic and sophisticated, typical of mid-20th-century perfume advertising.

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**Eden May Attend
South-East Asia
Conference**

London, Aug. 11.

It was now considered certain here that the South-east Asia Defence Conference will open at Baguio in the Philippines on September 8 and that it will be conducted on foreign ministerial level, at least by some of the participant countries.

Those expected to attend are Britain, France, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Pakistan.

Informed sources stated today that the individual members of the conference would each make a separate announcement of the convening of the conference.

Indications here are that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden would head the British delegation.

British official circles are studying the very important na-

ture of the conference, but an official communiqué laying down the details is still awaited.

These circles here pointed out that there was no question of any inviting powers as far as the conference was concerned and that all those attending will have the same status.

EXCHANGING VIEWS
Britain is exchanging views with the Colombo Conference Powers and with France, Australia and New Zealand on subjects to be discussed by the conference.

The United States is keeping in close touch with Thailand and the Philippines in the same way.

Whitehall sources said that although no agenda was indicated, earlier talks had cleared up essential aspects.

The Anglo-American study group in Washington has done into military details and representatives of the five of the powers have been meeting in Washington since early July.

Procedural questions have thus been largely settled — France-Press.

**Japanese
M.P. Returns
From China
And Russia**

Tokyo, Aug. 11.

A Japanese Diet member who returned today from Red China warned that Japan should be on guard against Soviet and Communist Chinese baits for more trade with Japan in return for the release of captured Japanese fishermen.

Yasuhito Nakasone, a member of the Opposition Progressive Party said also that Japanese policy toward the two Communist countries should be decided only after careful consideration of the fact that a treaty of friendship and alliance forms the basis of the policies of both.

Nakasone returned here last night with seven other Dietmen from Europe where they attended the recent world peace rally held in Stockholm. They visited Soviet Russia and Red China en route home.

PEACE OFFENSIVES
Nakasone said the recently intensified "peace offensives" of the two Communist nations were more extensive in scale than was generally believed in Japan. This calls for greater counteracting efforts by the Japanese to settle their own ideological and other problems, he said.

The Progressive legislator also said that the existence of the Chinese Kai-shek regime on Formosa, which Japan recognizes as the bona fide Government of China, and the mutual security pact between Japan and the United States appeared to worry the authorities in Peking.

He did not, however, elaborate on this point.

Another Progressive, Sunao Sonoda, expressed his belief that Japan might be able to normalize relations with Soviet Russia earlier than with Red China. He did not give the reasons for his belief. — United Press.

ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Aug. 11.

The British Government hopes to be able to announce shortly the details of the proposed conference on South-east Asian defence. It was learned officially here today.

Yesterday, US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said that he hoped that the nations interested in the South-east Asian pact would publish a declaration on the subject before the end of the week.

The Foreign Office here today said, "We, too, hope that it will be possible to make an announcement."

Consultations between the interested countries and particularly between Britain and the Colombo Powers are continuing on the date, place and agenda of the proposed conference.

British diplomats are making last-minute efforts to get the Ceylon Government to attend. The three other "Colombo countries"—India, Indonesia and Burma have refused to join the conference. — France-Press.

Bonn, Aug. 11.
The head of an American mission to West Germany, Colonel W. M. Summers, arrived here today from Paris for discussions on American military assistance to German contingents of the proposed European Army. The mission's work will include the laying of plans to establish permanent American military advisers in Germany once the European defence treaty comes into operation. — Reuter.

Vietnam Refugee

Following the cease-fire in Indo-China, refugees are now flocking in thousands from Northern to Southern Vietnam. Once again the problem of feeding and sheltering these homeless people confronts the world. Here a mother carrying her young baby passes through a control point at Haiphong. — Express Photo.

**UNITED STATES
ASSISTANCE
FOR VIETNAM**

Washington, Aug. 11.

Vietnam's new envoy here said today that he had been assured by the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, of American assistance to turn the Indo-China armistice "disaster" to some advantage for South Vietnam.

"The Secretary told me that the United States is not losing sight of Vietnam but, on the contrary, expects to be able to help," said the Ambassador designate, Tran Van Chuong, after calling on Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Chuong apparently had economic and technical assistance in mind. He evaded the question of South Vietnam's participation in any defence treaty when reporters raised the point.

There is a "possibility" that South Vietnam might be able to attend a meeting in Baguio or elsewhere in South-east Asia to discuss a regional defence alliance, Mr. Chuong said, but he added: "I have no information on that."

Mr. Chuong succeeds Tran Van Kien, former Vietnamese Ambassador. He called on Mr. Dulles to arrange for the presentation of his credentials to President Eisenhower on Monday. He stayed for 20 minutes, a little longer than usual for protocol visits of this sort.

Speaking in French through an interpreter, Mr. Chuong told reporters that he drew Mr. Dulles' attention to current conditions in Vietnam. — United Press.

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America Must Produce Ammunition For Europe

REVIEW OF ARMS AID PROGRAMME

Washington, Aug. 11.

A Senate sub-committee said today that America's European Allies could produce only one-fourth of their ammunition needs for an all-out war and it suggested that the United States must make up the deficit.

The sub-committee, headed by Senator Margaret Chase Smith, called on the Defence Secretary, Charles Wilson, to make a thorough review of the US arms aid programme with this possibility in mind.

In a report to its parent Armed Services Committee, the group said no military aid funds had been a kind of Congress to meet Europe's ammunition "deficit."

"Unless the United States is willing to see these countries swallowed up by Communist aggression, it will be essential to supply them with the necessary ingredients to carry on the burden of combat," said the report.

EUROPE STOCKS

It said ammunition stocks in Europe and the Far East were "adequate" to supply US troops except for "slight deficiencies" easily remedied by using "excessive" Army training supplies.

Mrs. Smith announced, however, that the group would question the Assistant Defence Secretary, Wilfred McNeil, and General James Van Fleet on their recent Far Eastern tour. This would be done, she said, in the light of Mr. Wilson's

announcement that more US aid would go to the Far East.

General van Fleet made the original charges of Korean ammunition shortages that led to the appointment of the sub-committee in the spring of 1953. Other members are Senators Robert Hendrickson, John Sherman Cooper, Harry Byrd and Edw. Keefe.

UNCERTAIN

The sub-committee indicated that it was uncertain about the overall US ammunition supply in view of material given to France for the Indo-China war.

It said it had received no information from the Defence Department on the effect of these shipments on US stores and said the "grave and serious implications" of the situation may require a new ammunition study.

The report also said the administration's "new" low military policy "may not meet with full military approval" because it did not envision "full material readiness for a global war any time in the foreseeable future."

AIR FORCE

The group said the Air Force was in the "worst position" of all services on ammunition, partly because higher speed planes need bombs with lower resistance and cannot use outmoded models from World War II.

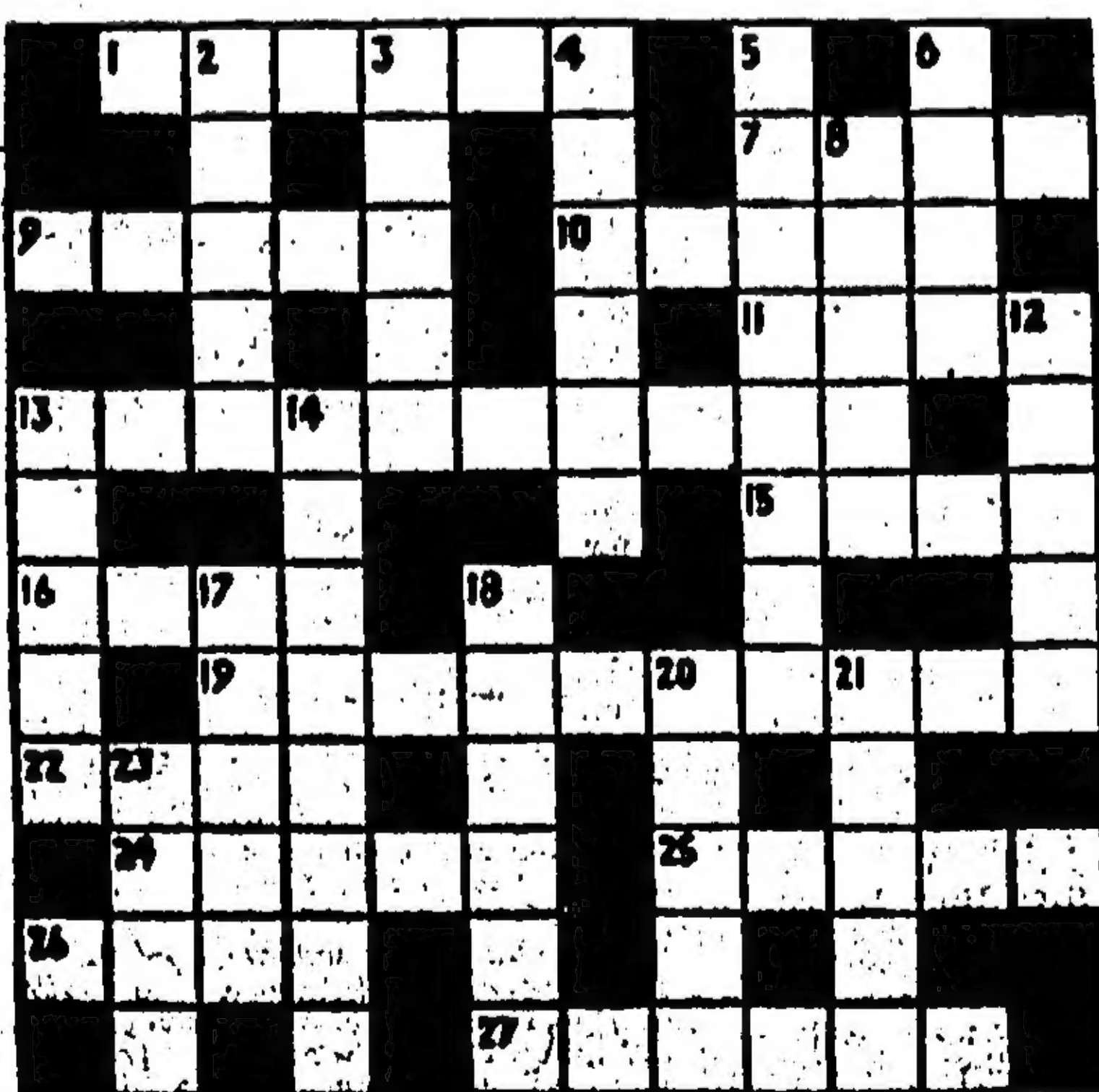
The sub-committee said it was "disappointed" in ammunition production by other nations under the military aid programme. It said there was confusion over present supplies in friendly nations and urged the Defence Department to get the facts straight and report back to the Senators.—United Press.

Port Said, Aug. 11.

A group of British soldiers sailed for home today in the first evacuation move since the signing of the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement on July 27.

Officials said 330 British soldiers boarded the transport Captain Hobson, which stopped at Port Said en route to Britain from the Far East.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Denise (6).
 - Spoken (4).
 - Small, curly (8).
 - Of less importance (6).
 - Uninteresting (10).
 - Lays down (14).
 - Used for catching fish (4).
 - Udd list (4).
 - Acts as peacemaker (10).
 - Left (4).
 - Run off to marry (5).
 - Maid name (4).
 - Giggle (6).
- DOWN**
- Eaten with onions (5).
 - Extreme terror (5).
 - Territory (6).
 - Compress (8).
 - Nobleman (4).
 - Whiten (8).
 - Danger (6).
 - Bridge (8).
 - Diamond (6).
 - Abandon (6).
 - Box (6).
 - Idler (6).
 - Look amorously (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Crawl, 4. Dried, 7. Nipped, 8. And, 10. Ruse, 12. Fretful, 13. Issue, 17. Taint, 18. Lower, 20. Engaged, 21. Sighed, 22. Cold, 23. Scales, 24. Street, 25. Aboard, 26. Gird, 27. Sailed. Down: 1. Gird, 2. Sailed, 3. Sailed, 4. Sailed, 5. Sailed, 6. Sailed, 7. Sailed, 8. Sailed, 9. Sailed, 10. Sailed, 11. Sailed, 12. Sailed, 13. Sailed, 14. Sailed, 15. Sailed, 16. Sailed, 17. Sailed, 18. Sailed, 19. Sailed, 20. Sailed, 21. Sailed, 22. Sailed, 23. Sailed, 24. Sailed, 25. Sailed, 26. Sailed, 27. Sailed.

Bulgarian Town Officials Hotly Criticised

Belgrade, Aug. 12.

Widespread self-criticism in Bulgaria against "negative phenomena" and "unsocialist relations" in public and economic life have been focussed on the coal mining town of Dimitrovo, in the west of the country, according to reports reaching here.

Situated about 25 kilometres (about 16 miles) south-west of the capital, Sofia, its 20,000 inhabitants used to enjoy a good reputation. As the town of Pernik, it raised during the wartime occupation one of Bulgaria's few partisan detachments, and later received the honour of being renamed after the father of Bulgarian Communism, Georgi Dimitrov.

In recent months, however, the town's Communist party organization, trade union branch, mines management, hospitals and local newspaper have all, on various occasions, been sharply criticised in the Bulgarian press.

"Rabotnichesko Delo," the newspaper of the Bulgarian Communist party, cited instances of patients dying in the Municipal Hospital through "an inhuman lack of medical care."

Kristi Vladimirov, the small son of a miner, entered hospital with remittent fever, it said. Such were the conditions there, that he contracted chicken pox and diphtheria as well. Yet the doctors showed no interest in his case and released him.

TOO LATE

When the child's mother brought him back to hospital three days later, it was too late. "In spite of everything," he did

not receive proper care and was given inferior food, as a result of which he died," the newspaper said.

Another child, 7-year-old Dimitri Ljubomirov, also died from diphtheria because of incorrect medical treatment, the newspaper reported. When nurses protested against the doctor's treatment, the hospital management punished them.

In another hospital, the Dimitrovo Polyclinic, a sick soldier became completely paralysed because a doctor kept him waiting outside in an ambulance from 11 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening.

According to "Rabotnichesko Delo," Polyclinic doctors use the hospital cars to attend sports meetings. For reasons such as this the Polyclinic recently remained without any transport for two weeks.

SICK RELATIONSHIP

"All this shows that, beside the great progress made in the field of health, some doctors at Dimitrovo, where a new hospital was built not long ago, fail to show in their work the new socialist relationship towards the sick," the newspaper commented.

The local newspaper, "Dimitrovo Glas," published an article by a certain Stojan Hristov attacking the manager of mine, Slavcho Stolkov, for dismissing skilled workers from the mine and giving the best paid jobs to his friends and some cousins who had no technical qualifications.

But the manager hit back and, with the help of a crooked lawyer and three friends who made false statements, had Hristov taken to court and fined 100 leva (about £5 sterling) for publishing false information.

WITHOUT SUPPORT

Commenting on the case, "Rabotnichesko Delo" complained that Hristov was left without any support by the local party organization and by the editor of "Dimitrovo Glas," "Dimitrovo Glas," in fact, later published a retraction of Hristov's article, saying that "it did not correspond to the truth."

The case came to the ears of the Town Committee of the Communist party which discussed it at a meeting. Stolkov, an influential party member, did not even bother to attend the meeting, but declared publicly: "If anyone wants to attack me in the press, let him get 100 leva ready and ask Stojan Hristov how he feels now."

Summing up, "Rabotnichesko Delo" said: "It is scarcely surprising that, with such an attitude towards criticism prevalent in organizations and business enterprises in Dimitrovo."

The trade union newspaper "Trud" (Labour) complained that local party bosses had attacked its Dimitrovo correspondent for exposing weaknesses and inaccuracies in union affairs, threatening that "his correspondent has got it coming to him in the neck."

COMPLAINTS GROWING

Public criticism of Dimitrovo is part of a general wave of self-criticism and public complaints which have been growing throughout Bulgaria this year.

Viko Chervonkov, the Prime Minister, welcomed the complaints in a speech. The large number of public complaints is a sign that the people are becoming more active in their criticism, and that citizens are determined to suffer negative phenomena, but will fight to eliminate them.

"Our task is to encourage citizens to express their criticisms, and to determine how to suffer negative phenomena, but will fight to eliminate them."

Swinging Into His Part



With co-star Jean Carson on the drums and Peter Knight at the piano, Jerry Wayne rehearses a song for his role as an American crooner in the film "As Long As They're Happy" which goes into production at Pinewood Studios soon. The film, a comedy with music, is a Raymond Stress production from the successful stage play.—Reuterphoto.

MICKEY ROONEY RETURNS TO THE SPOTLIGHT

Hollywood, Aug. 5.

Mickey Rooney, now making a return to the big-time on television, decided today Hollywood jilted him for two years because of his repeated trips to the altar.

"There was a campaign for a while there against me—no more Rooney," Rooney grinned.

"I guess it was because of my unfortunate marriages." Now the veteran actor has settled down happily with his fourth wife, Elaine Davis, and his career has forged upward again.

After two years of trying out various scripts, NBC at last is shooting Mickey in a filmed comedy series, "Hey, Mulligan," that debuts on the home screens on August 28.

Network executives who have seen the films swear they will

boost Rooney back to the top of the show business heap.

During the late '30's and early '40's, the Andy Hardy of that MGM movie series was three times a box-office champion and several times an Academy award nominee. But in recent years an unhappy home life and the "down" cycle of show business caught up with the bouncy star.

He appeared in several independent pictures, but "the release was bad, and they didn't push the movies."

"Now those pictures are on television and a lot of people enjoy them who didn't go to see them in the theatres," said Mickey.

TV PROGRAMME

After marrying Miss Davis, Rooney won a role in a top Paramount film, "The Bridges of Toko-Ri," and will appear on Milton Berle's TV programme before his own series begins.

His Mickey Rooney Enterprises Company is also producing "Dialling Tokyo," a sitcom-type "dramatic" series for TV starring Dana Clark, and an adventure serial with Indian actor Sabu. Rooney also plans to star in the life story of Jockey Johnny Longden.

"My happy marriage has a lot to do with this," said Rooney. "Life is a rhythm, and when the pattern of home is right, everything else is right. If I'm alone, I get lonely."

Rooney not only produces "Hey, Mulligan" and stars in it, but he writes the music, discusses gags with the Director and shakes hands with visitors on the set. In the story he plays an NBC page boy who "never does anything right."—United Press.

IN HOSPITAL

The Air Force said appropriate Government agencies had been notified of the security violations. It did not elaborate, but said the military investigation was continuing. There was no indication whether unauthorized persons obtained access to the secret data.

Orr is being held at a hospital at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada pending the position of the civil case, the authorities said. During the Korean war, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Merit, three Oak Leaf clusters to the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star.—United Press.

PAL Air Victims Flown Home

Rome, Aug. 11.

The bodies of the hostess and four crew of the Philippine Airways Skymaster which crashed here on January 14 with the loss of 10 lives were tonight flown to Manila.

Officials of the Philippine Legion in Rome were at the airport when the coffins were placed aboard the plane. The Skymaster crashed in the outskirts of Rome as it came in to land here. There were no survivors.—Reuter.

THE 'NEW LOOK' ROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN



Rotating to Middle East as a "new look" the AEC noted that he is also Deputy Minister President and head of the Free Democratic Party in North Rhine Westphalia. His appointment is a surprise, shocking in view of his frank use of anti-Semitism for political ends.

QUEEN'S LIQUEUR A FAVOURITE

London, Aug. 11.

Chartrouse, a favourite after-dinner liqueur of Queen Elizabeth is quickly becoming a favourite among Britons.

Sales of Chartrouse, made from a secret recipe known only to the Carthusian monks of Grenoble, in France, have gone up 30 per cent in the past year.

The French monks commemorated the Queen's Coronation last June by completing, at the moment of crowning, a special distillation of two casks of Chartrouse which will be allowed for 15 years before being bottled and sent to England.—China Mail Special.

'Jack Frost' Gets Cold Reception

New York, Aug. 11.

There will be no "Jack Frost Sugar" sign beaming into the windows of United Nations headquarters after all.

The National Sugar Refining Company announced it was abandoning its plan to erect a big illuminated sign on its plant across the River from the United Nations site.

The proposed sign, which would have had letters 25 feet high, was attacked by United Nations leaders and many citizens as a threat to the beauty of the new United Nations buildings. The city granted the Company a permit to put up the sign despite the protests.

Horace Havemeyer, Jr., President of the Sugar Company, said "Public reaction to any new sign on the East River has indicated a degree of general disapproval which was not evident before."

In a further gesture of sweetness, Havemeyer said his Company was ready to contribute \$2,500 "as an initial step toward a study of the part industry can play in the long-range development and beautification of the city's industrial shore line."—United Press.

German Minister Denounced By Jews

New York, Aug. 11.

The American Jewish Committee denounced today the appointment of Dr. Friedrich Middelhaue as West German Minister of Economics in the North Rhine Westphalia and said it would set back "Germany's efforts to rejoin the family of civilised nations."

Referring to Middelhaue as a "neo-Nazi," the AJC noted that he is also Deputy Minister President and head of the Free Democratic Party in North Rhine Westphalia. His appointment is a surprise, shocking in view of his frank use of anti-Semitism for political ends.

The AJC and Middelhaue was a "neo-Nazi" who was a member of the Nazi Party and who was a member of the "Hitler Youth" and the "German Labour Front." He was also a member of the "German Labour Front" and the "German Labour Front."

For any position of government trust," the AJC said, "this close political association with Dr. Wolfgang Diewerge, who is a neo-Nazi, should have been a disqualification." The AJC also noted that Middelhaue was a member of the "Hitler Youth" and the "German Labour Front." He was also a member of the "German Labour Front" and the "German Labour Front."

Armistice Commissions Working Officially

Hanoi, Aug. 11.

International armistice commissions began working officially today as peace came to the whole of Indo-China for the first time in nearly eight years.

Bugles sounded the final cease-fire for South Vietnam at eight o'clock this morning.

Previously cease-fires had become effective in North Vietnam on July 27, Central Vietnam on August 3, Laos on August 6 and Cambodia on August 7.

The armistice commissions were set up for the three States under the terms of the Geneva agreement.

MEET IN HANOI

The 17-member commission for Vietnam met in Hanoi under the Chairmanship of Mr. S. Dutt, head of the Commonwealth Relations Department of the Indian Foreign Office. Delegates included Mr. R. M. MacDonnell, Canadian Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Remyndus Gendreski, chief Polish delegate and a former counsellor at the Polish Embassy in Paris.

After their inaugural meeting, they drove to Trung Gia where they had talks with General Van Tien Dung, leader of the Vietnamese delegation.

Mr. Dutt said the "Trung Gia meeting took place in a 'cordial atmosphere.' They discussed security arrangements. He added that the French would be responsible for these until they evacuate Hanoi when the responsibility would be transferred to the Vietnamese.—Reuter.

Mark Clark Criticised

Washington, Aug. 11.

Referring to remarks made yesterday by General Mark Clark, former Supreme Commander in the Far East, about the United Nations, Republican Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, declared in the Senate today that the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations would precipitate a third world war.

"I suggest that he (General Clark) read what the United Nations has accomplished," said Senator Wiley. "The trouble is not with the mechanism. The trouble is with those who attempt to operate the mechanism. At least the United Nations is a programme, and a recent poll shows the youth of the nation believes there is hope in the United Nations."

"Nothing was said by the General about where we would go if we terminated our membership in the United Nations. We would probably precipitate a third world war."—France-Press.

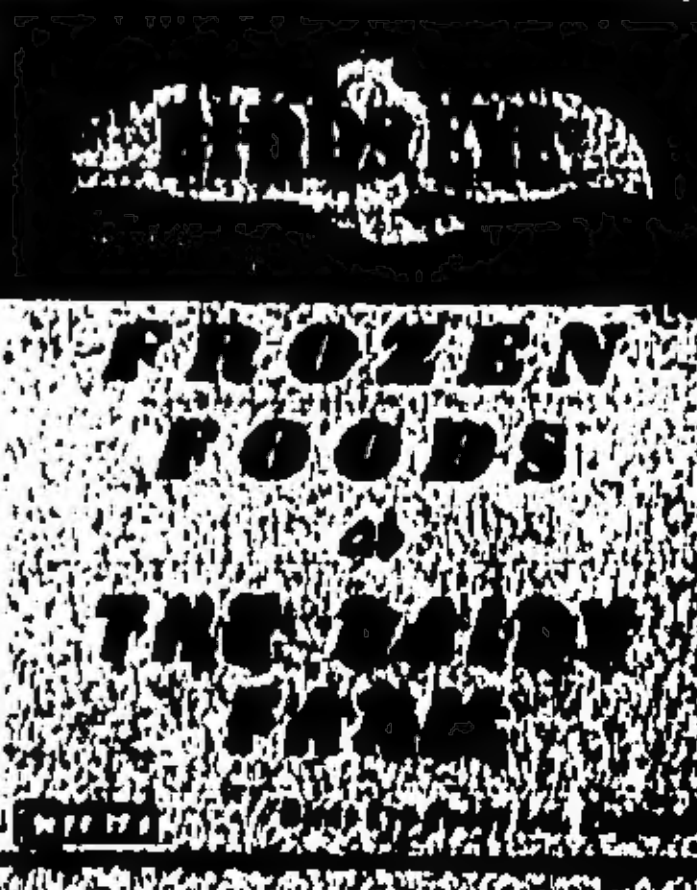
'PEACEFUL PROTEST'

Moscow, Aug. 11.

A 24-hour general strike has been called tomorrow in Cyprus as a "peaceful protest" against the Government's decision to enforce the sedition laws.

British servicemen have been confined to barracks for the day. They are reported to have been ordered to stand by in case of emergency.

The strike has been organized by the trade union and farmers' association on both the left and right wings and the Pan-Cyprian Shopkeepers Association. Ninety per cent of the working population is expected to join in making this the biggest strike in the island's history.—Reuter.



HE FINDS BULLS TAME AFTER THE JUNGLE

8,000 miles
ride to help
with harvest

HADRIAN Hyde, a 24-year-old Merchant Navy officer, finds the bulls on his brother's farm at Woodbridge (Suffolk) very tame. He is spending a "working holiday" there after riding home on his motorcycle nearly 8,000 miles from Capetown, South Africa.

His companion as far as home was 23-year-old Australian Merchant Navy engineer Peter Burrows.

"We camped in the jungle until we got to Sudan and were often scared by the animals that prowled around our fire at night," Mr Hyde said.

"We slung our hammocks between the trees and slept with a revolver and a rifle at our sides. We were too tired to keep watch because after we left South Africa the roads were little better than tracks and 100 miles was eight hours' hard riding."

WORST EXPERIENCE

"Our most frightening experience was when we were surrounded by a herd of buffalo."

Mr Hyde was serving as third officer on a ship based at Melbourne, Australia, when he first thought of making the trip. Two years he was unable to find a suitable companion and then his friend, Peter Burrows, volunteered to go with him.

They took a ship from Melbourne to Capetown in March 20 and began the tour from the Cape on April 16 on two motorcycles which they had bought secondhand in Australia for £130 each. They carried all their camping equipment, clothes, food and fuel. They travelled 6,000 miles through South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Sudan and Egypt. Because of the rains during June in Sudan they were unable to use the roads and had to make part of their journey up the Nile by paddle steamer.

"We were surprised to find the Egyptian villagers friendly, although we had been told they were not," said Mr Hyde. "They refreshed us with black tea, and always went to great trouble to put us on the right route."

On June 17 they went by ship to Naples. In Italy they worked on a farm while waiting for a fortnight for Mr Burrows' licence. Miss Grace Ingram, to arrive by ship from Melbourne.

"I have left Peter and Grace touring Europe, but they will arrive in England in a few weeks and go to be married this month," said Mr Hyde.

The whole trip cost £335 for food, petrol, maintenance, accommodation and ship fares."

After helping with the harvest Mr Hyde is going on a three-month course before taking his first mate's examination.

Shadow Over Shipyards

London, Aug. 11. Although construction in British shipbuilding yards has reached a two-year peak, there is a big shadow over the industry and its 200,000 workers.

A startling drop in future orders is disclosed in Lloyd's Register shipbuilding returns, issued recently.

In six months, the orders booked by British yards have fallen by more than 400,000 tons. There had already been about the same drop spread over the previous 15 months.

For the first time in years, the total of ships under construction and preparing (plans approved or material ordered) is below the 4,000,000-ton mark.

TWO-FIFTHS

Britain is still building two-fifths of the world's tonnage but many orders are going to the Continent. German yards, up another 35,480 tons this quarter, are now building nearly twice as much shipping as the United States.

Five ships can be built on the Continent for the price of four in this country. It is estimated by Mr Basil M. Mavrolo, head of London and Overseas Freighters.

Because contracts placed here are subject to increases in labour and material costs, the estimated cost of a ship being built for the company is already nearly £2,000,000 up on the original contract price.



Mr Hadrian Hyde waves hello as he arrives in London on the last stage of his journey from Melbourne to Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Murder Stories Now Appearing In Soviet Papers

Moscow, Aug. 11.

The Soviet newspaper reader finds that murder stories are a new feature in "Pravda" now that the death penalty has been restored in the Soviet Union.

Capital punishment—death by shooting in Russia—came back by a special decree on April 30. Before that, a sentence of 25 years' imprisonment was the normal maximum sentence for murder.

The change was announced as the answer to widespread public appeals. Judges, previously permitted to award the death sentence only for espionage and treason, were powerless to oppose it.

Now that the death penalty is back, the newspapers are stressing that violent crime will bring violent punishment. Death sentences have been reported at regular intervals since capital punishment was restored. Reports have appeared in Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, as well as in provincial newspapers.

APPROVAL

Murder stories are usually published in the Soviet Press under the headline: "Murderer Sentenced to Death." The reports invariably end: "Citizens present at the trial expressed their approval of the decision."

For some months, Soviet newspapers have been emphasising that "crime does not pay." A drive is on against juvenile delinquency, drunkenness and hooliganism.

Several of the recently convicted murderers were described as "hardened criminals," released by last year's amnesty for other crimes.

The latest murder story featured in the Moscow newspapers reported the death sentence, before a firing squad, for Alexander Puchkov, who was freed from prison only shortly before he committed murder.

LOATHSOME FIGURE

The Pravda report said that Puchkov attempted to rape a village girl, then slashed her face with a razor and finally strangled her.

There stood out the loathsome figure of an inveterate criminal, Pravda commented, and stressed the fact that the death sentence was final and not subject to appeal.

At Ashkhabad, an arrested criminal, Dzhangirov Shukhbar, was sentenced to be shot after stabbing a woman to death with eight knife blows. In Azerbaijan, the "hardened criminal," Anzaga Khelloy, was sentenced to death for robbing and killing the headmaster of a school.

I.M.F. More Confident Over European Trade And Convertibility

Washington, Aug. 11.

The International Monetary Fund reports that "satisfying progress" has been made in Europe toward convertibility of currencies and expansion of world trade.

"Provided these indications of policies, coming from those who have been debtors and those who have been creditors, are implemented appropriately by both sides, the prospect of further definite progress is good," it added in its fifth report on "exchange restrictions."

"Certain countries are now contemplating further relaxations when the results of those already made are seen."

"Altogether, the conditions for convertibility and expansion of multilateral trade have been more progressively and actively prepared during the past year than at any time since the Fund was established."

The Fund's assessment agreed substantially with the views of Mr Harold Stassen, United States Foreign Operations Administration, who told a press conference that Europe's trade had increased so much in the last year that he expected limited convertibility would come soon.

INFLUENCE

The Fund said the attitude of many countries in considering further moves to end trade and convertibility restrictions was of necessity being influenced by their judgment of economic conditions in the United States.

The fact that a number of countries have thus far been able to maintain satisfactory levels of exports to the United States despite the reduction in United States output and income is an encouraging sign of the improved international positions of these countries.

The trend towards the removal of trade and payments barriers in 1953 and early 1954 was not simply a short-term policy reflecting increased reserves and improved balance of payments, the Fund said.

CONVICTION

Governments have publicly committed themselves to a long-term policy of expanding trade and removing restrictions for the attainment of convertibility.

This was the outstanding feature of 1953 and it was encouraged by the greatly improved balance of payments positions of most of these countries and by the general

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Aug. 11. Further selling and liquidation from Federation centres caused prices to sag again today. There was little support from overseas. Future closings: No. 1 rubber per lb. 24.00-24.25; No. 2 rubber per lb. 23.75-24.00; No. 3 rubber per lb. 23.50-23.75; No. 4 rubber per lb. 23.25-23.50; No. 5 rubber per lb. 23.00-23.25; No. 6 rubber per lb. 22.75-23.00; No. 7 rubber per lb. 22.50-22.75; No. 8 rubber per lb. 22.25-22.50; No. 9 rubber per lb. 22.00-22.25; No. 10 rubber per lb. 21.75-22.00; No. 11 rubber per lb. 21.50-21.75; No. 12 rubber per lb. 21.25-21.50; No. 13 rubber per lb. 21.00-21.25; No. 14 rubber per lb. 20.75-21.00; No. 15 rubber per lb. 20.50-20.75; No. 16 rubber per lb. 20.25-20.50; No. 17 rubber per lb. 20.00-20.25; No. 18 rubber per lb. 19.75-20.00; No. 19 rubber per lb. 19.50-19.75; No. 20 rubber per lb. 19.25-19.50; No. 21 rubber per lb. 19.00-19.25; No. 22 rubber per lb. 18.75-19.00; No. 23 rubber per lb. 18.50-18.75; No. 24 rubber per lb. 18.25-18.50; No. 25 rubber per lb. 18.00-18.25; No. 26 rubber per lb. 17.75-18.00; No. 27 rubber per lb. 17.50-17.75; No. 28 rubber per lb. 17.25-17.50; No. 29 rubber per lb. 17.00-17.25; No. 30 rubber per lb. 16.75-17.00; No. 31 rubber per lb. 16.50-16.75; No. 32 rubber per lb. 16.25-16.50; No. 33 rubber per lb. 16.00-16.25; No. 34 rubber per lb. 15.75-16.00; No. 35 rubber per lb. 15.50-15.75; No. 36 rubber per lb. 15.25-15.50; No. 37 rubber per lb. 15.00-15.25; No. 38 rubber per lb. 14.75-15.00; No. 39 rubber per lb. 14.50-14.75; No. 40 rubber per lb. 14.25-14.50; No. 41 rubber per lb. 14.00-14.25; No. 42 rubber per lb. 13.75-14.00; No. 43 rubber per lb. 13.50-13.75; No. 44 rubber per lb. 13.25-13.50; No. 45 rubber per lb. 13.00-13.25; No. 46 rubber per lb. 12.75-13.00; No. 47 rubber per lb. 12.50-12.75; No. 48 rubber per lb. 12.25-12.50; No. 49 rubber per lb. 12.00-12.25; No. 50 rubber per lb. 11.75-12.00; No. 51 rubber per lb. 11.50-11.75; No. 52 rubber per lb. 11.25-11.50; No. 53 rubber per lb. 11.00-11.25; No. 54 rubber per lb. 10.75-11.00; No. 55 rubber per lb. 10.50-10.75; No. 56 rubber per lb. 10.25-10.50; No. 57 rubber per lb. 10.00-10.25; No. 58 rubber per lb. 9.75-10.00; No. 59 rubber per lb. 9.50-9.75; No. 60 rubber per lb. 9.25-9.50; No. 61 rubber per lb. 9.00-9.25; No. 62 rubber per lb. 8.75-9.00; No. 63 rubber per lb. 8.50-8.75; No. 64 rubber per lb. 8.25-8.50; No. 65 rubber per lb. 8.00-8.25; No. 66 rubber per lb. 7.75-8.00; No. 67 rubber per lb. 7.50-7.75; No. 68 rubber per lb. 7.25-7.50; No. 69 rubber per lb. 7.00-7.25; No. 70 rubber per lb. 6.75-7.00; No. 71 rubber per lb. 6.50-6.75; No. 72 rubber per lb. 6.25-6.50; No. 73 rubber per lb. 6.00-6.25; No. 74 rubber per lb. 5.75-6.00; No. 75 rubber per lb. 5.50-5.75; No. 76 rubber per lb. 5.25-5.50; No. 77 rubber per lb. 5.00-5.25; No. 78 rubber per lb. 4.75-5.00; No. 79 rubber per lb. 4.50-4.75; No. 80 rubber per lb. 4.25-4.50; No. 81 rubber per lb. 4.00-4.25; No. 82 rubber per lb. 3.75-4.00; No. 83 rubber per lb. 3.50-3.75; No. 84 rubber per lb. 3.25-3.50; No. 85 rubber per lb. 3.00-3.25; No. 86 rubber per lb. 2.75-3.00; No. 87 rubber per lb. 2.50-2.75; No. 88 rubber per lb. 2.25-2.50; No. 89 rubber per lb. 2.00-2.25; No. 90 rubber per lb. 1.75-2.00; No. 91 rubber per lb. 1.50-1.75; No. 92 rubber per lb. 1.25-1.50; No. 93 rubber per lb. 1.00-1.25; No. 94 rubber per lb. 0.75-1.00; No. 95 rubber per lb. 0.50-0.75; No. 96 rubber per lb. 0.25-0.50; No. 97 rubber per lb. 0.00-0.25; No. 98 rubber per lb. 0.00-0.25; No. 99 rubber per lb. 0.00-0.25; No. 100 rubber per lb. 0.00-0.25.

New York Cotton Market

New York, Aug. 11. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows: Spot 33.25; Dec. 34.25; Mar. 34.50; May 34.75; July 35.00; Oct. 35.25; Dec. 35.50.

NEW ORLEANS PRICES
New Orleans, Aug. 11. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows: Spot 34.00; Dec. 34.25; Mar. 34.50; May 34.75; July 35.00; Oct. 35.25; Dec. 35.50.

LIVERPOOL PRICES
Liverpool, Aug. 11. Closing prices, American middling cotton, 12/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows: Nov./Jan. 21.25; Mar./Apr. 21.50; May/June 21.75; July/Aug. 22.00; Sept./Oct. 22.25; Nov./Dec. 22.50.

SAO PAULO PRICES
Sao Paulo, Aug. 11. Cotton futures closing prices, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows: Spot 1,100; Dec. 1,120; Mar. 1,140; May 1,160; July 1,180; Oct. 1,200; Dec. 1,220.

AMSTERDAM PRICES
Amsterdam, Aug. 11. Rubber market was quiet today. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram. CIF. 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THE WORKING DAY

RUTH looked so neat and well turned out that you might have thought she was one of those fortunate women with all the time in the world for taking care of her appearance and ample money to spend on making the best of herself.

But the cinnamon-brown coat with corduroy facings that suited her dark good looks so well, though it was the newest in Ruth's wardrobe, was eight years old. The shoes that went with it belonged to the same period.

AN EARLY START

HER working day starts at 4.30 a.m. when she gets up to organise breakfast for her two children, her husband, her ailing mother of 75, and her crippled father, 80.

By 6 a.m. Ruth is in the West End, reporting for duty as a cleaner in a great official building. Her job there involves the middle of the morning, and Ruth hurries away, not to her home, but to another job, as a counter-hand in a cafe.

That work occupies her until four. Ruth is free then—except that when she gets home there is a meal to be made for the family, and the children to be got to bed, and the housework.

DON'T WORRY

AT the end of the week, she brings back two pay-packets. The money totals £5 18s. 2d. That with the £3 her husband gives her from what he earns, provides just about enough to keep the home going for the three generations that share it.

The other morning, Ruth's mother's illness took a turn for the worse. "You'd better not go out today," Ruth said to her, as she prepared to leave for work.

"But who'll buy the things?" Ruth's mother asked. Her role in the household included the shopping. "We've nothing in for tonight's meal," the old lady said.

"Now don't you worry," said Ruth. "I'll look after that."

As she was leaving her job that afternoon one of the cafe's security men asked to see what was in the shopping bag she was carrying. Horrified, Ruth opened the bag for him. Inside was 14s. worth of the cafe's food—tomatoes, ham, cheese, chocolate biscuits—that she had stolen for her family's supper.

At Bow Street, next morning, Ruth pleaded guilty to the theft. A policeman told the story to Mr. R. H. Blundell, the probation officer, who later brought Ruth back, and herself went into the witness-box.

SACRIFICE

"I'm very sorry," said Ruth, who at 32, has a girl's mother still. "I didn't want my mother to worry."

Mr. Blundell sent her to see Miss Hamilton, the probation officer, who later brought Ruth back, and herself went into the witness-box.

Airliners Brush Wingtips

London, Aug. 11. A British European Airways Elizabethan airliner and an Air France Skyliner brushed wingtips over Paris today, it was learned in London tonight.

Both aircraft were damaged but landed safely. The passengers or crew were injured. The Elizabethan was carrying 23 passengers from London to Paris—Reuters.

MISS X WAS Testimonial Joke (Carried Too Far) Cost Employer £25

Johannesburg, Aug. 12. A 17-year-old South African girl sued her former employer for £200 damages for writing a "false, malicious and injurious statement" concerning her.

The written statement complained of by the plaintiff read: "To whom it may concern. This is to certify that Miss X has been in our employ since 1953 to March 31, 1954, to our extreme regret."

"During her employment with this company she did everything in her power to demoralise our name by thinking, at times driving us almost to the verge of insanity."

"Her method of typing and keeping of books was utterly disgraceful. The type of language she used in public was most shocking, resulting in clients taking defamatory action against us with the result that in being sued her damages, we have been driven bankrupt, hence the reason for her termination of service with us, as we found that we were not in a position to support her and her children for maintenance any longer."

"Please do not feel sorry for us as we do not feel sorry for you if you desire to accept her employment. We no longer remain yours faithfully."

IMMORAL, USELESS, said that this statement meant that she was immoral, incompetent and useless in her employment, a menace to the welfare of Miller's business and drove customers away and made her mother of illegitimate children. The plaintiff said in evidence that she had asked her employer, Mr. Peter Miller of Miller and Company, for a testimonial and that he handed her a draft of this document. The draft of the testimonial, she said, was in type. She found it most humiliating and insulting and handed it to her solicitor.

Miller claimed that he had done this by way of a joke after lunch one day at which he had a few drinks. He had given her a proper testimonial before the letter of demand reached him.

The Magistrate accepted that the document was conceived in jest, but said that it had been carried too far and constituted "injury" to the dignity of the plaintiff.

He awarded her £25 damages, plus costs.—France-Press.

FORCES REGROUP

Hanoi, Aug. 11. Since early today local French Union forces in North Vietnam have all been regrouped within the 60-day zone stipulated in the Geneva cease-fire agreement. The zone consists of Hanoi pocket which takes in the city and its suburbs and the 30 kilometre (about 20 miles) wide corridor leading towards Haiphong.

Hanoi and this corridor must be evacuated by French forces by Oct. 11. After this date only the 300-day zone around Haiphong will be the starting point for the evacuation of French forces from North Vietnam must be completed, in accordance with the Geneva Agreement, by May 22.—France-Press.

GURKHAS AND SEATO

Katmandu, Aug. 11. The Nepalese Government would like to consider the employment of Gurkhas in the British Army if major hostilities broke out in South-east Asia, Mr. D. R. Regmi, Nepalese Foreign Minister, said here today.

He said he was particularly concerned about the South-east Asia treaty organisation (SEATO) development, because of the presence of a Gurkha brigade with the British Army in Malaya.

He said Nepal was opposed to the proposed SEATO pact. Thousands of Gurkhas, fierce, stock hill men, fought under British officers in Europe and Asia during the war.—Reuters.

Five Known Climbers Dead

Chamonix, France, Aug. 11.

Searchers today found the ice-encased bodies of two French mountain climbers on Mont Blanc, bringing the toll of a week-end hail and wind storm on Europe's tallest peak to at least five dead.

The two climbers were members of a three-man party from the Alpine Club of Annecy, France. Other searchers, meanwhile, found two French Alpinists who disappeared at the Aiguille Gropion alive on one of the last platforms of the peak. Almost all hope had been given up for the pair when rescue crews this morning heard cries apparently coming from the summit of the Gropion. The effect of their ordeal, lasting three days and three nights during a furious snowstorm, was not immediately known.

A rescue caravan left immediately to bring back the two survivors.—United Press.

MPs Come To Blows

Canberra, Aug. 11. The Opposition Labour Party today voted to support a bill to give the Royal Commission on Espionage increased powers after a heated caucus debate in which two members exchanged blows.

According to caucus sources the two men started fighting after a personal exchange, but were quickly separated.

The bill under which three months' imprisonment could be given to anyone refusing to testify before the commission was introduced in Parliament today by the Prime Minister, Robert Menzies.

The commission is investigating allegations by Vladimir Petrov, Soviet diplomat granted asylum in Australia, that there is a Soviet spy network in the country.—Reuters.

'Only Dropped Leaflets'

Taipei, Aug. 11. The Chinese Nationalist Air Force headquarters denied here today that its planes had bombed the mainland on two occasions as reported by the Peking radio.

The planes dropped only leaflets and propaganda material, according to an air force spokesman.

The charge was said to be a part of the pressure being exerted on Formosa by Communist China.—France-Press.

IMPOVERISHED QUEEN

Salgon, Aug. 11. Queen Bapht, widow of the Emperor Khai Dinh of Vietnam and step-mother of Emperor Bao Dai, has applied for a clerk's job in the Government Foreign Service at Hue which pays \$8,000 a month.

Queen Bapht, who receives a very small pension at irregular intervals, has been living in extreme poverty. It was learned that she had been refused a job to be repatriated to Australia.—United Press.

INDIGNANT

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Yes, it fits perfectly, but you'd better take it in—I'll probably lose a couple of inches worrying about how I'm going to pay for it!"

Mendes-France Gets Busy With New Plans For EDC

Paris, Aug. 12. M. Pierre Mendes-France, the Prime Minister, will today present his Cabinet with proposals designed to serve as a basis for a solution of the European Army problem.

This was disclosed last night after a three-hour Cabinet meeting. Usually well-informed sources said there was a general discussion of European problems, including those connected with the European Army Treaty. No new proposals were discussed.

Ministers who took part in the discussion included General Pierre Koeng, Gaullist Minister of Defence and leading opponent of ratification of the treaty, and Maurice Bourges Maunoury, Radical Minister of Industry and Commerce, a leading advocate of ratification. These two have for weeks been trying to work out a compromise between them.

BASIS FOR TALKS

The proposals which M. Mendes-France will make will be intended as a basis for discussion, these sources said. A further Cabinet meeting may be held before they are put into final form and formally approved by the Council of Ministers toward the end of the week.

The French proposals will then be communicated probably on Saturday or Sunday, to the other five signatories of the treaty so that they can be studied before the meeting of the six powers in Brussels on August 19, which M. Mendes-France plans to attend.

The Ministers, the sources said, were unanimous that the debate on ratification of the European Army Treaty should begin in the National Assembly on August 24 as planned.—Reuters.

European Seeks Repatriation

Stephen Gordon Ray, 47, unemployed, of Wales was ordered to be committed to the House of Detention pending appropriate arrangements for his repatriation, to Australia, before Mr. H. B. King, J. O. at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy.

Inspector J. D. Carty said Ray had been in Hongkong for about five years and had been working on ships. Four months ago, he became unemployed and surrendered himself at the Central Police Station on Wednesday morning. He failed to be repatriated to Australia.—United Press.

CALL TO YOSHIDA TO RESIGN

Socialists' Strong Attack

Tokyo, Aug. 11. The combined Left and Right Socialist Parties today strongly demanded Premier Shigeru Yoshida's resignation and said a prolonged stay in office by the Premier would bring catastrophe to Japan.

Delegates of the two Socialist Parties carried a joint resolution to the chief Cabinet Secretary, Kenji Fukunaga. The resolution called on Mr. Yoshida to resign immediately.

This latest political battle followed Mr. Yoshida's declaration on Tuesday that the recent bribery scandals involving several of his top Liberal Party lieutenants were the outcome of "wild and groundless rumours" hatched up by the press.

A Socialist resolution said: "Yoshida has not shown a bit of responsibility over the unprecedented scandals. Not only this, he has tried to throw the blame on others. To leave such an impudent and shameless Prime Minister in power further of a time when the people are clamouring for clean politics... means nothing else but the affirmation of the administration's rotten political dealings."

Further criticism of Mr. Yoshida was also voiced in non-political quarters. A woman critic, Yoko Matsukata, commented: "If Yoshida really believes what he said, it is horrible beyond contemplation. If he said it on purpose, from political motives, then he's a cheeky, conceited man who is under an illusion that he can deceive the people so easily."

'CHURCHILL OF JAPAN'

Further saying Mr. Yoshida, Miss Matsukata said the Japanese Prime Minister thought he was the "Churchill of Japan" but his "undemocratic ways" had clearly proven that he was a far cry from the British Prime Minister.

A prominent literary critic, Hideo Nomura, denounced Mr. Yoshida with the charge that the Prime Minister committed an "outrage" against the press by attempting to blame the press. "I doubt the common sense of Yoshida," said Nomura, "when he uttered those irresponsible words. Yoshida has tried to put the blame of the scandals on the press. It's an outright atrocity."—United Press.

R.C.M.P. Guard For The Royal Yacht

Quebec, Aug. 11. A guard of Royal Canadian mounted police, Canadian Navy and Royal Navy personnel have been set up around the docks here where the Royal yacht Britannia is berthed.

The Britannia, escorted by the Canadian destroyer Mimac, arrived here late yesterday from Montreal. The public will not be allowed on board or near the vessel while she is in Quebec. The 4,000-ton yacht will be in port until Friday when she leaves for Goose Bay, Labrador, to pick up the Duke of Edinburgh after his tour of Northern Quebec. The yacht will sail for England on August 17.—China Mail Special.

U.S. & Rhodesia Buy Viscounts

Washington, Aug. 11. Capital Airlines today announced the purchase of 37 British manufactured propeller turbine four-engined planes for use in its passenger fleet. The President of the Capital Airlines, Mr. J. H. Carmichael, announced that the company had taken up its option to buy 37 Viscount Viscount aircraft and in addition had taken out an option to buy 21 more.—Reuters.

Radio Hongkong

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Time Signal and Programme Summary: 5.05, Jazz Half Hour, presented by Robin Day (Studio); 5.30, Fortnightly Quiz (Studio); 5.45, Popular Orchestral Selections; 6.00, Down Memory Lane, presented by Allen Woods (Studio); 6.15, Weather Report & Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 6.30, News, Talk (London Relay); 6.45, Special Announcements; 6.55, Octet (Studio); 7.00, Play (Studio); 7.15, Play (Studio); 7.30, Play (Studio); 7.45, Play (Studio); 8.00, Play (Studio); 8.15, Play (Studio); 8.30, Play (Studio); 8.45, Play (Studio); 9.00, Play (Studio); 9.15, Play (Studio); 9.30, Play (Studio); 9.45, Play (Studio); 10.00, Play (Studio); 10.15, Play (Studio); 10.30, Play (Studio); 10.45, Play (Studio); 11.00, Play (Studio); 11.15, Play (Studio); 11.30, Play (Studio); 11.45, Play (Studio); 12.00, Play (Studio); 12.15, Play (Studio); 12.30, Play (Studio); 12.45, Play (Studio); 1.00, Play (Studio); 1.15, Play (Studio); 1.30, Play (Studio); 1.45, Play (Studio); 2.00, Play (Studio); 2.15, Play (Studio); 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